



Year in the Army — for 24 hours. Bottom photo, the staff at K mart 3044, Lawton, OK onboard the 155mm Howitzer which they drove, loaded and fired. Top photo, running the obstacle course with great agility.

Army enlistees — but only for a day

Store Reporter Brenda Galt

K mart 3044, Lawton, Oklahoma and the third Cannon Training Battalion U.S. Army Field Artillery Training Center, Ft. Sill are co-op partners.

The co-op consists of Lawton Merchants adopting a unit at Ft. Sill to further community relations between the military and civilian sector.

Lt. Col. Richard Tragemann invited K mart women to their annual ladies day. Manager W.H. Smith eagerly accepted and recruited several volunteers.

The women met at the store at 7:30 a.m. and drove out to Ft. Sill where they met the wives of the soldiers in the unit.

Lt. Col. Tragemann explained what they would encounter during the day. Squad leaders were appointed and the women were issued field gear.

They boarded a bus that took them to the firing range. First stop was the confidence building combat conditioning course, consisting of various obstacles. They also had training in hand to hand combat in this course. From the obstacle course they boarded the bus for a trip to the firing range, where they drove, loaded and fired the 155mm Howitzer.

Then they had lunch which consisted of C rations and water. Next the women had the experience of firing a M-16-a1 rifle from a fox hole. They were also invited to attend a Fire Power Demonstration on Adams Hill. There they witnessed war like action.

Upon returning home, they were tired, dirty and well versed as to how a day in the army is spent.

Top winners at DECA conference

Store Reporter Dennis Aikle

Deca students and Kresge 442, Gary, Indiana employees Darryl Lyons and Craig Wadley recently won top awards at the DECA Career Development Conference at Valparaiso High School.

About 200 students from northern Indiana competed in events testing their knowledge in various marketing areas. Some of the events were ad layout, job interviewing, human relations and merchandise decision-making, marketing and distribution testing, public speaking, sales demonstration, apparel and accessories, credit and finance, food marketing, restaurant marketing, general merchandising and service station retailing.

Darryl Lyons won top honors making him eligible to compete in the Indiana State DECA Career Development Conference in Indianapolis. He also received second place in service station retailing and first place in the marketing and distribution tests.

Craig Wadley, because of his high placement in general merchandising was also chosen to compete at the state conference.

Betty Ward runs 10 K's to keep fit

Store Reporter Diane Johnson

Pharmacist Betty Ward at K mart 4280, Springfield, Missouri runs 10 K's (10 kilometer races or 6.2 miles).

Betty has been running for a little over two years, which means a lot of blood, sweat and tears. For what? Tired feet? No, to accomplish a better, sound body. She runs to improve her cardiovascular flow.

Betty also runs because she is a competitor, an instinct we all have in life. Betty's running finally paid off recently when she received first place in the 10,000 Wilson Creek Meter Run.

While she is 40 years old, Betty says that being older doesn't mean that it's over; rather being fit and having a very positive outlook on life is what it's all about.

Successful blood drive

Store Reporter A. Stiller

In continuing with their motto "We care" K mart 9779, Fargo, North Dakota did it again. The employees donated blood when the Fargo Moorhead Blood Bank Mobil unit showed up at their store at its appointed time. Some of the employees were filled with anxiety while others were just plain scared.

Mr. Rick Olson, Assistant Manager, was so scared that his daughter Mandi came and held his hand during the ordeal! All in all the campaign was a success with one third of the employees giving blood.